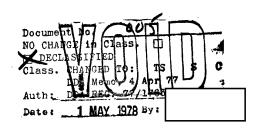


- 1. Late in October 1947 a conference on police tactics was held in the Russian Zone of Germany. Beria presided at the meetings, which were also attended by Vedicka from Czechoslovakia, Gaber and Gerse from Hungary, Rankovic from Yugoslavia and Bodnaros from Russania.
- 2. At the conference, stress was placed on the need for sharp reform in the police services of the countries under Soviet influence, and criticism was expressed concerning the temporizing tactics still indulged in by the police of these states. Vodicks, who is a Communist member of the Czechoslovak National Assembly, reported at the conference that the Communist Party is trying to reorganize the Czechoslovak police in preparation for the coming struggle to liquidate the Slevak Democratic and Czechoslovak National Socialist Parties.
- 3. There are rumors that certain Communist circles abroad look upon Vodicka as Czechoslovakia's next Minister for the Interior.

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